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APPROVAL ON FINAL UPDATED COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Newton:

The Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) has received the subject document dated August 23, 2005 prepared by Brown and Caldwell. The report describes a comprehensive community relations program being conducted by the Department of the Navy under the Installation Restoration Program for the Department of Defense. The purpose of the Community Relations Plan is to identify concerns the community may have regarding cleanup efforts and determine the best methods for conducting and enhancing communication between the Navy, the regulatory agencies, and the local community. These activities include holding ongoing public meetings of the Restoration Advisory Board, conducting public meetings to present proposed cleanup plans, issuing fact sheets, and disseminating information to the local media.

Based on the review of the Final Updated Community Relations Plan, DTSC is satisfied that our comments in the October 22, 2004 letter were adequately addressed. We look forward to working with you to expedite the environmental investigation and cleanup at MCAS El Toro. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Frank Cheng, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5395.

Sincerely,

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